

**I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study**

**Administrative Action**

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
and Section 4(f) Evaluation**

Submitted pursuant to Section 102(2)(c), PL 91-190 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; 42 USC. 4332(2); 49 USC Section 303; 49 USC Sections 5301(e), 5309(e)(2)-(7), 5323(b) and 5324(b) (formally Sections 3(d), 3(i) and 14 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended); and CEQ Regulations (40 CFR 1500 (et. seq.)).

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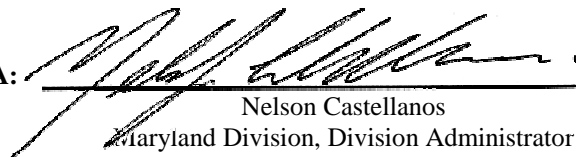
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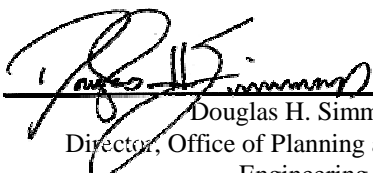
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The purpose of the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study is to investigate options to relieve congestion and improve safety conditions along the I-270/US 15 Corridor. The I-270/US 15 Corridor is approximately 31 miles (50 kilometers) and extends from the Shady Grove Metro Station (south of I-370) to the US 15/Biggs Ford Road intersection, north of Frederick. Alternates under consideration include the No-Build, the TSM/TDM Alternate, and Alternates 3A/B, 4A/B and 5A/B/C, which consist of several combinations of highway and transit strategies including general-purpose lanes, auxiliary lanes, HOV lanes, collector-distributor (C-D) lanes, LRT, BRT, Premium Bus, and others. This document describes and summarizes the potential transportation and environmental impacts, costs, and a comparative evaluation of the multi-modal transportation alternatives (refer to Table S.2 in the Summary Chapter for a summary of impacts).

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